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On April 17 Pol-Econ officer passed reftel points and the diplomatic note to MFA Deputy Director for International Political Organizations Frederico Nascimento. Nascimento said only that Portugal welcomes the U.S. candidacy and looks forward to increased collaboration on human rights issues within the Council.

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